

# Synopsis of Changes to University Senate Rules (January 2023 – August 2023)

## Throughout

- Changed references from “native language” to “first language”
- Changed and/or updated all references to “University Scholars Program.” The curricular requirements remain the same, although the approval process steps have changed substantively.
- Updated name of “College of Engineering” to “Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering”
- Updated name of “College of Agriculture, Food and Environment” to “Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment”
- Updated “(Undergraduate) Bulletin” to “Undergraduate Catalog”
- Updated “(Graduate) Bulletin” to Graduate Catalog”

## Section 1: The University Senate

- Change to 1.3.3.3 (“Graduate Council,” “Composition”) – codified extensive changes related to composition and election responsibilities
- Change to 1.3.4 (“Undergraduate Council,” “Courses, Programs, and Other Proposals”) – added GCCR responsibilities to UC and disbanded GCCR committee
- Change to 1.3.4.4 (“Senate Committee for Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (SCGCCR)”) – responsibilities related to GCCR officially delegated to UC
- Change to 1.4.2.18.3 (“Senate Academic Advising Committee,” “Voting Student Members”) – clarified who nominates student members
- Change to 1.4.2.20.4 (“Senate Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SCDAC),” “Ex Officio Nonvoting Membership”) – updated membership

## Section 2: Academic University Calendar

- Change to 2.1.2.2 (“Spring Semester”) – updated language on start date
- Change to 2.1.2.3 (“Summer Session”) – updated language on start date
- Change to 2.1.2.4 (“Winter Intersession”) – updated language on end date
- Change to 2.1.2.5 (“Summary”) – updated table to accommodate leap year
- Change to 2.1.3 (“Academic Holidays”) – codified complete list of University holidays

## Section 3: Programs, Courses, and Curriculum Procedures

- New 3.1.1 (“Programs’) – added definition
- New 3.1.1.1 (“Credit-bearing programs”) – added definition
- New 3.1.1.2 (“Non-credit-bearing programs’) – added definition
- Change to 3.1.1.1.5 (“Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)”) – reorganized text and updated requirements

Synopsis of Changes to University Senate Rules  
(January 2023 – August 2023)

**Section 3: Programs, Courses, and Curriculum Procedures, continued**

- Change to 3.1.2.1.5 and subsequent sections (“Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (“GCCR”) – updated requirements
- New 3.2.1 (“Course”) – added definition
- New 3.2.1.1 “Credit-Bearing Course”) – added definition
- New 3.2.1.2 (“Non-Credit-Bearing Course”) – added definition
- Change to 3.2.3.3.2.5 (“Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR) Courses”) – updated language to reflect other GCCR changes
- Update to 3.2.4.4 (“Automatic Deletion of Courses from Bulletin”) – updated terminology

**Section 4: Rules Relating to Admission to the University**

- Change to 4.1 (“Application for Admission and Readmission”) & 4.2 (“Admission Requirements,” “Undergraduate Programs”) – updated language significantly to match current practice *[Note that additional edits are expected during the 2023-24 academic year.]*
- Change to 4.2.2.1.1 (“Graduate School,” “Admission Requirements”) – revised requirement related to GRE/GMAT scores
- Change to 4.2.2.2.1 (“Graduate School,” “International Applicants”) – revised language related to English language requirement
- Change to 4.2.2.2.3 (“Exceptions to GRE Requirement”) – revised requirement related to GRE/GMAT scores
- Change to 4.2.2.2.4 (“Conditional Graduate Student”) – updated requirements

**Section 5: Rules Relating to Attending the University**

- Change to 5.3.2.2 (“Repeat Option,” “Graduate Students”) – revised language related to conditions required for graduate students to seek repeat option
- Change to 5.2.5.7 (“Finals Week”) – updated language and codified new rule on assignments during Finals Week

**Section 9: Glossary of Terms**

- Added/changed terms listed below
  - “Finals Week”
  - “First Language”
  - “Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement”
  - “Course”
  - “Program”
  - “University Scholars Program (USP)”

Synopsis of Changes to University Senate Rules  
(January 2023 – August 2023)

**Section 10.3: Admissions Requirements for Particular Programs**

- Change to 10.3.1.1 (“Undergraduate Programs,” “College of Nursing”) – updated admissions requirements for all types of students seeking a BSN
- Change to 10.3.1.9.1 (“Biomedical Engineering”) – updated requirements
- Change to 10.5.2.4 (“Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal Policies for Particular Programs,” “College of Dentistry”) – revised all academic disciplinary policies